



Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Information 2023-2024 School Year

Applying for financial aid is optional. The income guidelines are listed below. If your family falls within the eligible guidelines, you are *strongly encouraged* to apply. Many times, we have funds available to reallocate, but no aid can be given to families who do not have an application on file.

STAR FOUNDATION INCOME GUIDELINES	Number of Dependents	Maximum Income (PA)	Number of Dependents	Maximum Income (PA)
	1	\$123,697	4	\$179,239
	2	\$142,211	5	\$197,753
	3	\$160,725	6	\$216,267

If your family doesn't fall within these income ranges, you can still receive a tuition reduction through the Scrip program. Contact the school for details.

Included in this packet, you will find:

St. Francis School Financial Assistance Application (orange application)

- This form is used to determine financial aid for the Sonnenberg Scholarship and for all tuition assistance given by St. Francis School.
- Applying for this aid is optional; however, please note that no tuition assistance can be given from the school unless we have a copy of this application on file along with the required tax form documentation.
- Along with the application, you must submit copies of the **first two pages** of your **2022 Federal 1040 form** **AND** your **2022 PA state taxes**. (For questions, please contact our bookkeeper Annette Ryan @ 814-765-9671 option 5, or email sfcbookkeeper1893@gmail.com)
- There is no fee for this application. It is **returned directly to Annette Ryan** via the school or rectory offices.
- To qualify for this aid, your family must complete **20 volunteer hours** for the school, as outlined in the policy. You have until June 30th to complete these hours.
- This form and all required documentation must be returned to St. Francis School by **March 31, 2023**. Late forms will be accepted, but funds will be awarded based on the money that is available at the time of application.

Catholic Diocese of Erie Tuition Aid Application Form (white folded application)

- This form determines eligibility for the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation scholarships. Awards are based on financial need, and income guidelines are stated on the application.
- Applying for this aid is optional, and is completely separate from the tuition assistance given by St. Francis School.
- Along with this application, you must submit a copy of **ALL pages of your 2022 PA income tax return**, including all schedules **AND** copies of **ALL 2022 W2, 1099 and Schedule C forms**.
- There is a **\$20 fee** for this application. Please be sure to enclose a check made payable to: *Tuition Assistance Program*.
- This application gets **mailed by you directly to Erie**. Please see the address listed on the application form. Be sure that all required documents and the fee are included before mailing, or your application will be rejected. Directions are found on the back page of the application.
- If you choose to apply, this form, the fee, and all required documentation must be **mailed to Erie** by you before **April 15, 2023**. There is a \$20 fee for this application. Please read the form for details.